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## I. Policy Statement

All patients at VSH are eligible to receive Physical Therapy (PT) or Occupational Therapy (OT) services, as is clinically appropriate. In the event that the specific PT or OT services a patient needs are not available at VSH, the patient will be referred to a community provider.

## II. Procedures

A patient's attending physician is responsible for referring the patient for rehabilitation services as needed. The VSH Nursing Consultation Procedure will be followed to ensure that all PT or OT consultations are provided.

## III. Definitions

**Physical Therapy Services** are all services designed to help VSH patients regain or improve their physical abilities. All PT services are provided by a Licensed Physical Therapist.

**Occupational Therapy Services** are all services designed to help VSH patients regain or improve their functioning in all areas of daily living. All OT evaluations are completed by a licensed occupational therapist.